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SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

Subscriptions to The Pacific have been coming in with the oidity they did during the first w months of the present policy. veral churches have not been asked make subscription on a large scale. need just twice the number we ve at the present time. Start the w year with a list that will cover ery home in the membership.

There are several important items this issue that are calling for ac- n. The article on the Evangelistic putation gives some promise, com- as it does in January. From now Easter we wish to help every urch do something in the way of evangelistic program. Our people not keen for the professional ngelist. They are waiting for a rm-hearted message with some mulative effects that may register ole-hearted decisions.

"Help Protect the Children" is an- er article calling for action. urch Trustees should not overlook fact that two of our churches in nual meeting assembled have each sed their minister's salaries $300 year. No one should overlook the eat achievements of the Palo Alto urch. To liquidate a large indebt- ness and reduce the freely granted of $1100 to zero is a compliment both pastor and people, and is a tification of a large amount to a urch in a strategic place that it y do its work in a compelling way.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY

It is presided over, Congregation- y, by Rev. William D. Ogg. He s just been called for the twelfth ar and his salary increased $300. is well known and highly re- ected. He is a royal good llow when he takes the Su- rintendent in tow. Through uring rain we drove to hnerville and held the last rites er our church building there, sell- it to the Assembly of God. We d not used it for fifteen years. We ve to Alton and sold the Alton urch building. It was in a bad te of repair and will be torn down. had an offer for the Hydesville urch and parsonage, and we will obably sell them.

At first glance this will look dis- uraging. The real facts are that outlook in Humboldt County is ite promising. There is a thriving nday School at Loleta and another Fields Landing, where a year ago ere was little doing. The Superin- ident was greeted with very good diences at both places, and these urches are now requesting a min- er.

Mrs. Heath continues her good rk at Ferndale and spends some her time at Fields Landing. Her ergetic leadership is being felt in at district. A good home mission- y pastor would find a welcome ong these churches.

THANKS, LADIES!

The Conference office has received m the good ladies a check to pur- ase a moving picture machine that can loan to churches for special casions. It will be necessary that operator accompany the machine less we are sure that some one lo- lly is acquainted with the opera- n and will give guarantees of its re. Apply to the office for infor- ation and instructions as to its use.

A RECORD AND A PROPHECY

Can we raise One Thousand Dollars in addition to our ordinary income in order to satisfy the Church Building Society for this year 1924? If we can raise $1000, why not try to raise $1500? These and similar questions were asked at the beginning of this year by devoted people at Mission Park Church. Eventually they tried to raise $2,000 by a great bazaar in which all the societies of the church should be contributory workers. The dates set were December 1-6. They came. On two of those days the heavens opened and San Francisco became another Naples. Farmers gave thanks and church workers were torn between feelings of expectancy and despair. The bazaar came to an end as bazaars must, and to the bewildered surprise of the workers they realized that their efforts had brought $1300 above all expenses to the treasury.

Dr. Minchin reports that one of the happiest church treasurers he has even seen was Mr. F. W. Finch of Mission Park when he entered the Conference office and laid on the Superintendent's desk a check for One Thousand Dollars to be sent to the Church Building Society.

You despairing saints who have become accustomed to look with pity from your vantage points "across the Bay" to what you consider to be a "dejected San Francisco" are hereby notified, warned, encouraged to expect a greater surprise from Mission Park Church in 1925.

Your unuttered question is herewith answered. Most of the work was done by the women of the church.

G. M.

REMEMBER JANUARY 15

The Local Church Report blanks for the Year Book for 1924 have been sent out to the pastors of every church in the Conference. In the cases where churches are without pastors at the present time, the blanks were sent to the clerk of the church. Although the blanks were sent out only recently, already four have been returned to the Conference offict, completely and accurately filled out. The first one to return was Auburn, then followed Niles, Ceres and Tipton.

If all the pastors and clerks will co-operate as heartily as these four have, the work of compiling and assembling will be made infinitely easier and will insure prompt delivery of the copy from the Conference office to the publisher. An effort is being made this year to have a complete and perfect report from EVERY church. Be sure to mail it to 421 Phelan Building, San Francisco, BEFORE January 15.

REV. R. B. DODGE IS ILL

It is with regret that the friends of Rev. R. B. Dodge learn that he is confined to his bed as a result of illness resulting from the accident which befell him over a year ago.

Recently Mr. Dodge received appointment of Associate Western Secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of War, with his office at 449 Phelan Building, where he is associated with Rev. L. L. Wirt. Mr. Dodge and his family have just been established in their new home at 1527 Waverly street, Palo Alto.

CHRISTMAS CHECKS PLUS

When such wonderful letters of sincere gratitude come to the Conference Office by return mail acknowledging the receipt of the Ministerial Relief Christmas gift, it makes one feel that the custom is indeed worthy, and deeply appreciated. Following the custom which has been established long since, the Ministerial Relief Society sent out checks amounting to $522.57, together with letters carrying Christmas greetings to those dear ones who have served their Master, or who have worked beside the husband who served. To know whether or not these gifts are appreciated, one has only to read the letters which come from the hearts of two widows:

"How can I ever express to you, and to all who have given me this generous Christmas gift, my heartfelt thankfulness! It touches me deeply. It means so much to me. It lessens the anxiety about the emergency needs, and I do thank you all so much. I think Christians are doing the most beautiful Christlike deeds these days. It helps us to understand Jesus' sayings about leaving all for His sake, and receiving reward in this world as well as in the world to come. It is the life I should choose if I had to live it again. Not for earthly reward, but for my dear Lord's sake, and the privilege of serving him. The hardships are nothing compared with the joy of serving.

"Again I thank you all for the Christmas gift. May heaven reward you, and blessings of great joy and peace come to you this Christmas time!"

"Your welcome message was received yesterday, and many thanks for the gift of the check for $40 from the California Ministerial Relief Society. I feel unworthy, yet am so thankful—also to you for your thought for me these lonely holidays."

A GREAT MODERN CHURCH MOVEMENT

Ministers and laymen on the Coast who are generally familiar with the name of Dr. C. L. Goodell, secretary of the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, will be glad to know that he is to visit the Coast during the period set aside for special evangelistic services beginning in January and ending on Easter Sunday. Dr. Goodell has been one of the most successful pastor-evangelists in the United States of any denomination. He is well known by the series of books which he has published upon this subject, including "Pastoral and Personal Evangelism," "The Supreme Task of the Mission Church," "The Laymen and the Church," and other books on similar topics.

Dr. Goodell is not to conduct evangelistic services himself, but he and his workers will spend three days each in the leading cities on the Coast, including Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego, conducting conferences on personal evangelism and methods of work. He expects to begin in Seattle January 19th; in San Francisco January 24th; in Los Angeles January 27th; and San Diego January 29th. He comes under the direction of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in co-operation with the Church Federations on the Coast. His plan is to meet the pastors from these various metropolitan cites and from the smaller ones for miles around in a two- or three-day study of the task in which they are to engage.

The success of this kind of work is no longer an experiment. Dr. Goodell and his ci-laborers have put over these campaigns in a number of the great centers with great success. Following the Conference in the city of Chicago, 55,000 persons were received into the membership of the co-operating churches. Dr. Goodell's work has been heartily endorsed by the various denominations, including leaders in the Protestant Episcopal churches.

Further information may be secured by writing to any of the offices of the Church Federation in California.

F. M. LARKIN,
Secretary California State Church Federation.

HELP PROTECT THE CHILDREN

The ministers of all the churches of all denomination in the State are hereby earnestly requested by the State Church Federation to take a vote of their congregations at the earliest possible date favoring the passage of the Child Labor Constitutional Amendment by the coming session of the state legislature. The pastor is also requested to send the results of the vote to the members of the state legislature in their respective districts and to the Rev. F. M. Larkin, Secretary State Church Federation, 321 West Third Street, Los Angeles, for promotion work.

The amendment is simply an enabling act granting to Congress the right to pass federal laws to protect the children from the injustices of states where child labor is permitted. There is no thought or possibility of Congress passing laws prohibiting children from working on the farms or in the homes of their parents, as suggested by propagandists who seek to commercialize child labor and take away their inalienable rights to education and health.

One million children between the ages of ten and fifteen years are now employed in industries in states in this country, which forces unjust competition on industries where the children are protected by law. The amendment is favored by the Federal Council of Churches and by more than twenty national organizations in the country. Do not be deceived by literature which is flooding this country in the interests of industries which are profiting by child labor. Do not fail to take this action to protect the children of our country.

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EVERY MEMBER CANVASS ITEMS

We regret that the Every-Member Canvass returns were not nearer completion when we sent the copy to the press. Year by year we find heartier co-operation in the promotion of budgets and systematic solicitations. Each year we find that the churches think it better to remit their benevolences to the Conference for distribution and an increasing number remit monthly.

At the last meeting of the Conference the committee on Proportionate Benevolences was instructed to make a thoroughgoing study of apportionment figures and report to the next meeting. The figures for the past three years still maintain pending that report. If at the meetings of the churches there is a vote taken reporting the acceptance of the apportionment, in part, or as a whole, we will welcome a statement of that action. The church reserves that right and the vote will be recorded with us if we can get the information.

At the close of business on December 27th we were just about even with the date last year as far as benevolences were concerned. As to the four societies in the Conference office, we find that we are in much better shape than at any time during the past three years. We are living within our income and showing a slight operating surplus. But—there is much work to be done. There is much that is being left undone.

THE EVERY-MEMBER CANVASS—PITTSBURG

The canvass was instituted some five years ago in the Pittsburg church with splendid results. Because of the lack of canvassers, the work has had to be simplified as much as possible. The financial committee meets in November and makes out the budget. The names of all members of the church, all friends and every possible prospect are written on the back of the subscription card. A copy of these names is reserved by the financial secretary and checked off as signed cards come in. Wherever possible the subscriber is urged to accept a carton of Duplex Envelopes to be placed in the church offering each Sunday. On the first Sunday in December the pastor preaches a sermon on "Stewardship," and every person present is urged to sign a subscription card before leaving the church. This method relieves the canvassers of much house-to-house work and gives impetus to the whole movement. It usually requires two or three weeks to do the canvass thoroughly. The results this year are ahead of anything accomplished in former years. This seems to be the best and simplest method of raising finances for the church in our city. Other methods would work better elsewhere. However, it has proved successful here, and after all, nothing succeeds like success.

Annual Fraternal Services are held on Sunday evenings which fill the church to overflowing, and the announcements and placards on the wall call the attention of the large congregations to the fact that the canvass is being made and thus prepares the way for the financial canvassers. The newspapers also give freely of their space to advertise this annual feature of our work.

Every Member and Friend Canvass

A distinctive note is struck in the designation of the canvass carried on at Grass Valley, as the Every Member and **Friend** Canvass.

"HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CANVASS ONLY SUCCESSFUL METHOD"

For the first time in the five years that Stockton church has conducted an Every-Member Canvass, house-to-house visitation was the method used during the canvass just completed. In former years a banquet has been given to start the pledge taking, and an endeavor was made to finish it by mail and telephone. While all the returns have not been brought in the great improvement of the more thorough method over the plan used in previous years was clearly seen and highly commended by those who conducted the campaign. In this connection, the pastor, Rev. Hugh V. White, said, "This year we have depended entirely upon the house-to-house visitation, and are fully convinced that it is the only way for our church."

A new feature of the campaign this year was the early date upon which it was held The canvass took place on November 23, so that plenty of time might be given to bringing it to a conclusion before the Christmas holidays began.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS RETURNS

Although it is impossble to publish the exact figures from Oakland Plymouth Canvass, there is no doubt concerning the success of the canvass. There are 382 subscribers, which represents a total of $12,156.70. A number are yet to be heard from, and the captains, Mr. W. W. Furze, Mr. Oliver and Mr. Reitan, are pushing the follow-up work. The "By-products" of the canvass are not less valuable than the increasing of our financial resources. Friendly contacts re-established, the circle of the ministry is widened and loyalty to Christ and His church is intensified. The pastor, Rev. H. S. McCready, said of the canvass, 'We owe more than words can express to our faithful canvassers. I have never known a group of workers as loyal, enthusiastic and well-equipped as Plymouth's 1924 canvassers."

AT CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

If I knew you and you knew me,
How little trouble there would be,
We pass each other on the street,
But just come out and let us meet
At church next Sunday.

Each one intends to do what's fair,
And treat his neighbors on the square,
But he may quite understand
Why you don't take him by the hand
At church next Sunday.

This world is sure a busy place,
And we must hustle in the race.
For social hours some are not free
The six week-days, but all should be
At church next Sunday.

We have an interest in our town,
The dear old place must not go down.
We want to push good things along,
And we can help some if we're strong
At church next Sunday.

Don't knock and kick and slam and slap
At everybody on the map,
But push and pull and boost and boom,
And use up all the standing room
At church next Sunday.

—Selected.

PRACTICALLY 100% EFFICIENT

In spite of the serious situation of the fig and raisin industry, the Every Member Canvass held at the Ceres church was practically 100% efficient, both in the amount raised, and the number of pledges.

The Every-Member Canvass Committee at Ceres, which is called the "Steering Committee," holds office for the entire year, and functions with the trustees and treasurer during this time.

As the time approaches for the annual E. M. C., the committee asks the pastor to preach four special sermons: One on Stewardship, one on the Importance of the Local Church to the Community Life, one on the Outreach of Our Church, and on the morning of the canvass, as strong an inspirational sermon as possible. Each of these four Sunday mornings the committee has a "Four-Minute Man" who tactfully, and wisely keeps the matter before the church. They also send to our state headquarters in San Francisco for literature, making large use of the splendid material sent out by the Commission on Missions, with a special letter signed by the committee.

The plan of actual canvassing as used in former years has necessitated the week following the canvass to be spent in making a follow-up campaign. This year, because of local conditions, the method was varied a little.

At the morning service, following the consecration of the "Teams," and the morning message, a Pledging and Consecration Service for the entire church was held. There was a splendid audience, and every one took part! Coming forward the people laid their pledges for the coming year on the table, and, pausing for a moment, touched the altar pledging themselves also. It was very effective and the people were impressed. Then where pledges had been made, no financial visit was made during the afternoon, but a friendly visitation. Pledges were sought from those not making them at the morning service, and as a result very little "follow-up" work was needed that week.

LODI BELIEVES IN THE E. M. C.

The Every-Member Canvass was conducted by the committee of the First Church Sunday afternoon, December 14. This system has been adopted by the church each year for raising the yearly budget, and has proved to be the most successful method yet devised for raising money.

Enthusiasm was aroused at a banquet given shortly before the canvass was begun, and Superintendent W. J. Minchin was asked to present the promotion work, and assisted in launching the campaign.

The budget adopted for 1925 is $10,760, including $2,300 for repairing the church and $300 to cover a raise in the pastor's salary. The results of the canvass committee's work are not yet compiled at the time The Pacific goes to press, but indications are for the most part satisfactory.

FROM A HOME MISSIONARY'S REPORT

"I am at work developing the morale of dissimilar individuals unto a unit for aggressive activity."

BENEVOLENCES
November 30, 1924

Adin	$ 6.03
Berkeley, First	874.29
Berkeley, Beth	8.00
Biola	96.00
Ceres	81.20
Cloverdale	18.00
Dinuba	100.00
Eureka	40.29
Ferndale	14.00
San Francisco, First	500.00
Fresno, Zion German	125.00
Glen Ellen	25.00
Grass Valley	12.85
Murphys	29.45
Oakland, First	380.55
Oakland, Fruitvale	25.00
Oakland, Plymouth	112.45
Oakland, Boulevard	27.45
Oroville	147.32
Palermo	10.00
Palo Alto	415.79
Petaluma	77.95
Porterville	30.00
Redwood City	350.00
Salida	2.05
Sanger	133.38
Santa Rosa	15.55
Sunnyvale	52.50
Elk Riven (Hoffnungs)	10.00
Fairfax	8.00
Total	$3,728.10

Distribution

Annuity Fund	$ 35.29
Congregation Ministers Relief	74.55
S. S. Extension Society	82.58
Pac. School of Religion	105.98
Cong'l Educational Soc.	178.10
Cong'l Church Bldg. Soc.	216.49
North Cal. Cong'l Conf.	265.08
American Miss. Society	427.47
Woman's Board of Miss. for the Pacific, $449.00 minus $22.45	426.55
American Board of Comm. for Foreign Missions	707.66
Cal. Home Miss. Soc.	1,162.01
Woman's Home Miss. Union $449.00—$426.61 $22.39 Plus 22.45	
Mrs. A. M. Wingate.. 44.84	44.84
Rel. Ed. Director	1.50
Total	$3,728.10

COMMUNITY CHESTING

We are happy to learn that two of our Bay Association laymen are in prominent positions in this good work on the East side. Selden Smith is to train the Berkeley solicitors and Ralph Fisher heads up the Oakland program. May success attend these enterprises.

The Presbyterian Church, North, at the close of its fiscal year reported its per capita gifts for benevolences were $9.28. Congregationalists gave in 1923 for all benevolences $6.23 per member, but for the support of our regular missionary and benevolent organizations through the apportionment our gifts were only $3.62 per member.

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SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

ngregational Women's Missionary Society of Northern California

Vill be held Thursday and Friday, nuary 15 and 16, 1925, at the Fruit- e church, corner East 16th and itvale avenue, Oakland.
Luncheon will be served each day the hall at 35c per plate.
Dinner on Thursday at 6 o'clock 60c per plate.
Please make reservations in ad- nce for all meals with Miss Marion mpbell, 1546 Fruitvale avenue, Oak- d. Phone number Fruitvale 394.
Delegates and others wishing over- ght entertainment, please write to s. L. L. Wirt, 900 Shattuck avenue, rkeley.

Thursday, January 15

"More things are wrought by ayer than this world dreams of."
rs. Herman F. Swartz, President, presiding.

:15 Registration.
Opening Service
Welcome and Response
Dr. Minora Kibbe, Oakland.
Mrs. T. T. Giffen, Fresno.
:30 Reports.
Financial—Mrs. C. B. Wingate, Berkeley.
Secretarial—Miss May Manley, Berkeley
Social Welfare—Mrs Charles E. Caine, Berkeley.
Thank Offering—Mrs. William Hazlett, San Francisco.
Cradel Roll—Mrs. William Hensell, Adin.
Magazines — Mrs. Edwin B. Meade, Berkeley.
Prayer Guild—Mrs. William H. Cross, Berkeley.
1:20 President's Survey.
Mrs. H. F. Swartz, Berkeley.
1:50 Round Table.
Conducted by Mrs. H. T. Helfer, Oakland.
2:15 Devotions. Topic—Prayer.
Mrs. Robert E. Brown, Oakland.
2:30 Lunch.
Mrs L. L. Wirt, Second Vice-President, presiding.
2:15 Migrant Work. Part I.
The Little Gypsies of the Fruit.
Miss Georgiana Carden, Sacramento.
2:55 Offertory.
3:00 Builders of America.
Dr. H. F. Swartz, Berkeley.
3:30 The Puritan Spirit at Work.
Rev. Harry S. McCready, Oakland.
Announcements.
Benediction.
6:00 Dinner.
Mrs. H. M. Tenney, East Bay Associational Secretary, presiding.
What to Read—Mrs. Harry L. Holcomb, Berkeley.
Migrant Work. Part II. Stereopticon Lecture.
Dramatization.
Benediction.

Friday, January 16

"Every task, however simple, sets the soul that does it free;
Every deed of love and mercy, done to man, is done to me."
—Henry Van Dyke.
President, Presiding.

10:15 Opening Service.
10:30 Asilomar and Asilomar.
Mrs. Miles B. Fisher, Berkeley.
Mrs. Howard E. May, Berkeley.
10:45 Our Young People.
Mrs. Charles G. Hyde, Berkeley.
11:00 Round Table (continued).
Mrs. H. T. Helfer, Oakland.
11:30 Business.
Election and Installation of Officers.
Installation conducted by Mrs. Charles F. Roper, Berkeley.
12:00 Devotions. Topic—Work.
Mrs. Robert E. Brown, Oakland.
12:30 Lunch.
Mrs. H. M. Smitten, First Vice-President, Presiding
2:15 Roll Call and Reports of Associational Secretaries.
2:55 Offertory.
3:00 Understanding China.
Mrs. C. A. Kofoid, Berkeley.
3:30 The Irreducible Share.
Rev. Harvey Miller, Alameda.
Benediction.
6:00 Conference and Dinner for Associational Secretaries.
Place to be announced.

A NOTABLE LETTER

370 Channing Avenue,
Palo Alto, California.
Dec. 21, 1924.

To the Congregational Educational Society,
14 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.
Gentlemen:

I am directed by the First Congregational Church of Palo Alto, California, to express to you its deep sense of obligation to your society for financial assistance which it has received almost continuously from the time of its organization in 1900.

Four years ago when the church was on the verge of disbanding, an appropriation of $500 a year from the Education Society, together with a special subsidy of $1100 from the Northern California Home Missionary Society, made it possible to go forward on a program which has brought it to its present prosperous condition. The aid, rendered by you, was given as an appropriation for work done by the pastor among the students of Stanford University; but it was doubtless also, in large measure, a recognition of the critical importance to the denomination of maintaining a strong and representative church in this university town.

We should like you to know that the results have amply justified this policy. The church has now a membership of nearly 250, a splendid body of people, including nearly a score of faculty families. Its apportionment contributions amount to over $1500 a year and are steadily increasing. It has paid off all its debts, including a loan from the Church Building Society. It is now receiving no outside aid except the $500 from your society. These results have been achieved under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. Willard Brown Thorp.

The church has now voted, at a meeting held December 10, 1924, that it has reached a point where it is now able to provide for the entire salary of its pastor without outside aid, and has directed me to notify you accordingly that, after the end of your present fiscal year, we shall not need further financial assistance. It is understood by us that our pastor will continue his work among the students as heretofore.

We should like to say to you that it is the desire of this church to remain in close touch with the Education Society in reference to any program at Stanford that may be contemplated in the future. As you are, doubtless, aware the conditions here are somewhat different from those existing in most university centers. The university is distant a full mile and a half from the church center of the town, and maintains a splendid pulpit with university preachers in the beautiful Stanford Memorial Church on the campus. Consequently the opportunities of the local churches for reaching students, as such, are somewhat limited. We are watching closely the developments in the religious life at Stanford, and shall advise you in case, at any time, it seems desirable to ask you to put in a special student pastor. The Presbyterians have just done this, but whether the results will justify it remains to be seen. At present such things as a local church can do for the students who come within its influence we shall be glad to undertake.

We have gone into the record of these four years with some detail in the thought that it may constitute a useful precedent for a similar policy by the society in other places where a like condition may exist.

We hope that some time in the future we may have the pleasure of a visit from a representative of your society. In this connection we recall the visit of Dr. Frank M. Sheldon to Palo Alto some four years ago, and his consultation with our faculty group from which so excellent a working understanding has resulted.

On behalf of the church,
FRANCES HAMBLETON,
Clerk.

MARTINEZ MEMBER INJURED

Mrs. Henry Hale, the one remaining charter member of the Martinez church, was struck by an automobile on Estudillo street, and lay unconscious for several days, but is at present slowly rallying. She is past 85, but has been at morning service almost as regularly as Sunday came around for years. Her friends pray that she may recover and be spared to them for a time yet.

INDIA SETS THE PACE

On July 9 and 10 there was organized at Jhansi the United Church of India, it being the union of the Congregational and Presbyterian churches of Northern and Western India.

Since 1908 there has been a South India United Church in which are united the Presbyterian of all types, the Dutch Reformed and Congregational Churches. Representatives of the missionary workers from the United States, England, Australia and Germany have come into this Union Organization. Negotiations are in progress with the Anglican Mission also to enter the union. What we westerners talk about these Christians in India do.

TACOMA CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Early in December the First Church at Tacoma, Washington, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at a dinner served to more than three hundred people. The pastor, Rev. Francis J. Van Horn, was in charge of the program which followed the dinner. One of the features of the program was a tableau, "The Cutting of the Birthday Cake." The ceremony of lighting the first fire in the new hearth was followed by the presentation of two huge tile jardinieres which were placed on the mantel.

China now has over three thousand qualified medical practitioners. To meet the medical needs of the country no less than 40,000 doctors are called for. It is estimated that only eight out of every 1000 sick ever see a competent physician.

GANDHI'S INFLUENCE

A missionary writes: "The work of Mr. Gandhi has caused many people to think and read about Jesus the Galilean. Both he and his opponents, although non-Christians, have been quoting the gospels and seeking to base the righteousness of their positions on the life and teachings of Jesus. This helps us to see how the spirit of Christ is beginning to permeate the life of India."

PROMOTING CHURCH FEDERATION

It is gratifying to realize that the leaders in the Methodist Episcopal Church in rural church work in Ohio have requested by resolution that the Bishops, District Superintendents and other administrative officers shall cooperate with the leaders of other denominations so that not more than one Protestant church shall be established to every one thousand in population. The same committee also suggests that the Methodist Episcopal Church take the lead in the "give-and-take method with other denominations, even to the extent of encouraging the discontinuance of small, struggling Methodist Episcopal Churches, in the interest of real Christian service." Resolutions also request that ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall not jeopardize the Conference standing when appointed as a pastor of a federated or undenominational church.

ORIENTAL MISSION NEWS
Published by A. M. A.

Following a precedent established last year, the American Missionary Association has just issued the "Oriental Mission News," which is a compilation of reports from the Missions throughout California, Utah and Oregon for 1924.

In these reports are related the progress, hopes and despairs of the groups of mission workers and their followers. This collection is made up from letters written by the leaders of nine Chinese Missions, ten Japanese, and one Indian Mission.

Upon request to Rev. G. W. Hinman, 421 Phelan Building, copies will be mailed without charge.

A striking example of the value of Y. M. C. A. religious work in behalf of the California youth of today is being pointed to with pride by Wiley Winsor, executive secretary of the Golden Gate avenue branch of the San Francisco Y. M. C. A.

Winsor was one of the speakers who addressed 200 boys representing the leading high schools of Northern California, assembled November 9 at Willows, for the annual boys' conference held under the auspices of the State Y. M. C. A. In an inspiring address he pointed out the need for high Christian ideals in the boy of today, and urged each of his young hearers to resolve that he would strain every effort to live a clean, moral and noble life. Pledge cards were passed out and scores came back, each bearing an individual expression, ringing with sincerity, of the writer's promise that he would do his best.

The religious program arranged for the winter months at the Golden Gate avenue branch of the "Y" is meeting with much enthusiastic response, with increasing attendances reported each week. Every Thursday evening a religious talk is given by a different speaker of note, preceded by a musical program. On Sunday afternoons from 5 to 6 p. m. a Bible class assembles, with a prominent local clergyman as the speaker. A strangers' supper follows. These gatherings are open to all men and boys who are interested.

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CHURCH NEWS

Loomis—The church building has been undergoing extensive alterations, and present plans are to have a reopening with appropriate services on February 8. Superintendent Minchin will return from his trip to Chicago, where he will attend the Midwinter Conference, a few days before the rededication service, and will be present to address the Loomis people on that occasion. On Communion Sunday, January 4, seven adults were received into the church, four by letter and three upon confession of faith; also five children who came in under the watch-care of the church.

Ripon—The church is in a very healthy condition, which is proven by the fact that at a recent official board meeting, a unanimous resolution was adopted to discontinue asking for missionary support hereafter. Further evidence of the fruitful condition of our little church can be seen in the action taken at the last meeting of the official board, when it was unanimously voted that immediate steps be taken to enlarge the size of the present structure to double its capacity, including eleven classrooms to meet the adequate needs of the fast-growing Sunday School, and, as the church property consists of lots in both back and side of the present building, ample room can be had for any extension necessary. The attendance at both morning and evening services is most satisfactory, and the future is very bright.

Ceres—Rev. Geo. E. Atkinson, who has recently been chosen leader of the local Hi-Y, is launching a great program for January to May which will include a series of addresses. Talks on "Choosing a Life Occupation" will be given by ministers, doctors, attorneys, bankers, teachers, publishers, and many others representing other professions. It is predicted that the course will mean a big thing for the members of the Hi-Y and their guests.

Sacramento—Rev. Harley H. Gill, pastor of the Sacramento church, delivered the eulogy at the memorial exercises held for Samuel Gompers by the Federated Trades Council of Sacramento. An extensive report of the address was made in the Labor Chronicle, and a standing offer of its columns was tendered to the church for its announcements.

Ripon—Rev. C. H. Dains reports that he and Mrs. Dains are enioying their work with the church at Paradise. Congregations average about sixty-five, Sunday School a little more than seventy, and Christian Endeavor Society about thirty. Special Sunday evening services one a month fill the church. There is talk of enlarging the building for social purposes.

Stockton—The members have recently had unique and delightful experiences along interdenominational lines. One Sunday evening the people of St. John's Episcopal Church were guests of the Congregational Church, their pastor, Rev. Hugh Montgomery, preaching the sermon. The following Sunday evening found the Congregational group worshipping in St. John's, at which time Rev. Hugh V. White preached. On another evening Rabbi Wessel of the Jewish synagogue occupied the pulpit, telling of the Jews' contribution to the spiritual life of the world. Mr. White's congregation was in turn invited to worship at the Jewish temple at a Friday evening service, Mr White occupying the pulpit.

During this Fall Communion services have taken on a new significance for the members who have listened to Mr. White's detailed explanation of the full meaning of each phrase in the Statement of Faith. This plan which Mr. White had adopted will result in a more thorough understanding of what Congregationalism stands for.

Dean Alden H. Abbott of the College of the Pacific is to conduct a discussion group for men and women each Sunday morning. The line of study to be followed is the application of Christian principles to social, industrial, economic and international affairs.

Auburn—At a recent morning service Rev. Grant L. Schaeffer welcomed eleven new members into the church; two of these united with the church by letter and nine on confession.

Lockeford—Although Lockeford has been without a pastor for several months, the church has not been standing still, as is shown by the many repairs that have been made recently. The church building has been painted and furnishings added. Payment in full has been made on the motion picture machine, and it will not be long before the heater for the church will be entirely paid for.

Grass Valley—The dedication of the new auditorium, organ and windows will occur on January 11. Members of the church are highly elated over the excellent progress being made in the improvements on the church building. The matter of redecorating the interior of the auditorium is practically completed, and men have been concentrating their efforts in the installation of the new pipe organ and the windows that recently arrived.

Beautiful examples of art window-making are exemplified in the new windows, which are opalescent leaded art glass with memorial central panels. The new pipe organ is specially built for the local auditorium, and has been installed by skilled workmen from Sherman & Clay Company. The formal opening of the new organ was held New Year's Eve, when Prof. J. W. Bailey of Berkeley gave a recital, assisted by local talent in vocal selections.

Antioch—The Annual Bazaar and Entertainment given by the Woman's Guild of the church were a great success. The ladies worked hard for it all the year, and the results were in every way gratifying. There were ten booths. All of them attractive, well stocked with goods, all of them well patronized. After paying expenses the sum of $770 was realized.

The entertainment consisted of three one-act plays presented by Mr. Wilbur S. Tupper and his company of Boulevard players. These young people from Oakland did fine work and were greatly appreciated. In addition to the plays a number of songs were finely rendered by the Ladies' Quartet of Antioch.

The improvements on the church buildings are finished. They consist of a new roof, a new chimney, and improved sanitation. Also one of the back rooms has been turned into a kitchen, and both church and parsonage have been repainted. As soon as possible the contemplated work on the inside of the church will be done. It is hoped that all the work will be completed before next May, when the church is planning to celebrate its sixtieth anniversary. The Woman's Guild have contributed $500 towards these improvements. They have also assumed the quarterly payments to the Building Society as well as all the incidental expenses of the church. The Antioch ladies are to be congratulated. They deserve high commendation.

The work of the church goes on as usual. The choir is a great help. Congregations are small, and a serious handicap is the lack of teachers in the Sunday School. The pastor has just announced a Wednesday evening Bible class to be conducted from January 14 to Easter.

CALLS

Rev. Hermon D Pettit (Presbyterian) has been appointed student pastor at the University of Nevada.

Rev. W. J. Kimbel has been called to the pastorate at Tipton, and has been at work during the past month.

Rev. Louis A. Stark from Gallup, New Mexico, has been called to organize a church at Big Creek, California.

RESIGNATIONS

Rev. W. W. Riley, who has been pastor at Weaverville and Hayfork for five years, has resigned as of February 1.

The church at Adin reluctantly accepted the resignation of Rev. A. W. Hensel. Mr. and Mrs. Hensel are living at Soquel at present.

Rev. J. B. Orr has resigned from Oakland, Boulevard, closing a pastorate of eight years.

Rev. Arthur E. Paterson resigned from Alturas, effective February 1. His plans are to return to Berkeley and continue his studies at the Pacific School of Religion.

Rev. Samuel C. Carson has submitted his resignation to the members of the church at Oleander.

Rev. S. P. Hagler has relinquished the work he had undertaken at San Francisco, Sunset. He will continue his pastorate at San Francisco, Ocean View, and study at the Pacific School of Religion.

HEAVEN OPENED

A Book of Comfort and Hope

A Book of Comfort and Hope, by James M. Campbell. Revell & Co., New York.

Dr. Campbell, author of many books, aged scholar and saint, is a modern-minded man familiar with the methods and results of modern thinking. He believes that the New Testament tells us all we really know about the future and is the only source of information on the subject. He has given us in this book not speculations but a sane, sensible exposition of what the New Testament has to say about life after death.

When Jesus said to Nathaniel, "Ye shall see heaven opened," he declared that a new epoch was about to begin in which the great realities of life and immortality were to be brought to light. What these realities are Dr. Campbell sets forth in thirty-one short chapters, in each one of which he describes some aspect of the life after death for which there is a warrant in the New Testament.

Readers will find this a "reverent, faith-filled book," truly a book of comfort and hope. The author does not argue for immortality; he assumes the reality of the endless life as Jesus did and interprets for the curious mind and hungry soul what Jesus said. This is the information we crave concerning the "eternal home which lies at the end of man's swiftly passing pilgrimage." H. H. K.

A First Primary Course for the Vacation Church School, by Edith McDowell.

Another contribution to enlightened methods of Bible study for children, which might well be used by teachers for more general work than vacations. To those who are accustomed to graded work this book will be suggestive. Orders of service are given, lesson material discussed and suitable themes taken. But opinions differ as to the "pledges" before dismissal. A child's worship scarcely needs this twofold pledge to the American Flag and the Christian Flag. Teachers of Primary Departments will appreciate this book. The Abingdon Press, price 85c, postage extra.—A. B.

Flashes of Silence, by George Clarke Peck.

These are delightful reading and prove that religious essays can command wide attention. They make one speculate as to the personality of the writer and congratulate the people who have the privilege of listening first-hand to preaching that is novel and sound, attractive and original, fresh and full. One reads in these descriptive sermons things that enlarge one's understanding of old time characters, making them live again. Outsiders will do well to read this book if they want to know what the churches say today; preachers will lose if they do not read it and Bible students will find the book better reading than a novel and more refreshing and enjoyable. The Abingdon Press, price $1.50 net.—A. B.

"Around the White Pagoda," by Edward H. Smith of the Foochow Mission.

In this little book, Mr. Smith describes the life of the missionary in China, in the home, on the road, in the hospital, in the school, and out on the roads among the churches and the people. Here is information often wanted, to be had for 10c at the offices of the A. B. C. F. M. or W. B. M. P. in the Phelan Building.